## **Revelation Yes - But How?**

"And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:13-19).

God said, in these last days He would bring out a people washed in His Blood, and they were predestinated to be there. They've got to be there. God said so. And the very sign, "I will send..." Malachi 4, and what he would do, "restore back again," bring back, in the last days, these great things that He promised, He would bring the revelation. What's he to do, Malachi 4:5-6? Was to bring back the faith of the fathers, to the children. See? That's right.

The Holy Ghost, alone, is the revealer of the Divine revelation of Christ, and has been in all ages. Remember, all ages! Who did the Word of the Lord come to? Prophet, alone (Amos 3:7). And the prophet had to be vindicated, first. Not 'cause he said he was a prophet; because he was born a prophet, and proved to be a prophet, and everything he said was exactly on the Word and come to pass, then everything else let go. The Word of the Lord came only by the Holy Ghost. The Bible said, "The men of old, moved by the Holy Ghost, see, wrote the Word." (II Peter 1:19-21; Heb. 1:1-3). [1]

And the revelation is the only thing, the revelation of the Word. What is a revelation? Jesus said, "Upon this rock I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against It." Faith is a revelation; because Faith has been revealed to you (Heb. 11:1-31).

"Abel, by Faith, offered by revelation (faith), offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain." (Heb. 11:4). [2]

And that's the way the human is. I don't care how intellectual you are, we still got canary brains, because we're only human beings. God's known by the Spirit and by the revelation by the Holy Ghost (I Cor. 2:11-16). We'll never be able to understand Him through intellectuals. You might talk and have intellectual meetings, and psychology, as much as you want to, and people will never know God. They can't.

That's the only way we know God is to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. That's old fashion. It's God's program. It's always been God's program. It always will be God's program. "Not by power, not by might; but by My Spirit,' saith the Lord." (Zech. 4:6). That's where it comes. [3]

If revelation is beyond you, look up and seek God for it. That is the only way you are ever going to get it. A revelation has to come from God. It never comes by human, natural endowments, but by Spiritual enduement. You can even memorize the Scripture, and though that is wonderful, that won't do it. It has to be a revelation from God. It says in the Word that no man can say that Jesus is the Christ except by the Holy Ghost (I Cor. 12:3). You have to receive the Holy Ghost and then, and only then, can the Spirit give you the revelation that Jesus is the Christ: God, the Anointed One. [4]

No man, no matter how well prepared he is, he's altogether insufficient to handle the Word of God, for It is of no private interpretation, as we read in the Scriptures. But it has been revealed by the Holy Spirit. And we would ask that the Holy Spirit would come and interpret the Word that we shall read. Sink the seed deep into the hearts of the people. And that we might speak the right thing and hear the right thing, that God would be glorified. [5]

God wrote it in riddles and parables (Matt. 13:10-17), so that He could hide it from the eyes of the wise and prudent and reveal it to babes such as would learn (Matt. 11:25-26). Jesus thanked the Father for doing that. Is that right? Because you don't know it like reading a newspaper; it's a spiritual revelation. And it's revealed to them who are interested in learning it.

Now, you'll never learn it by school; you'll never learn it by theology; it's got to be known by a revelation. Because the entire Bible, and the whole plan of salvation, and everything in the Bible, and salvation is based upon a revelation of Jesus Christ. Did you know that? [6]

Now, I think that's just the way of a lot of our seminary teaching and knowledge that's too much of a canary brain. We can't understand the mysteries of God by knowledge, because it's only revealed by the Holy Ghost as It will reveal. There's too much canary brain preaching today: all about what they know about it, and come to find out you know nothing. Because how can our little finite minds ever understand the infinite mind of the Almighty God? (Job 42:2-6). [7]

What is faith? Faith is something that's revealed to you; that is not yet, but you believe it will be. Faith is a revelation of the will of God. So, by revelation!

And the churches today don't even believe in spiritual revelation. They believe in a dogmatic teaching of some system. I hope you see that. See where we're living? See the hour? [8]

And do you know the whole Book, the whole Bible, is a revelation? That's how you have to know the truth between this one and the other, it's

because It's a revelation. And the revelation must be exactly with the Word, not contrary to the Word. You say, "Well, it was revealed to me." Then if it's contrary to the Word, it never come from God. That's right.

Jesus said, Himself, that the entire Church, His Church, would be built upon spiritual revelation of Himself, which is the Word. "I say unto thee, that thou art Peter... And flesh and blood never revealed this to you, but My Father which is in Heaven has revealed this to you. And upon this rock..." (Matt. 16:13-18).

Now, I know, our Catholic friends there, you say, "It was built upon Peter, and Peter the apostolic, So-and-so, in an apostolic consent, succession." The Protestants said, "It was built upon Jesus Christ."

Not to be different, but take just what He said! He said, "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father which is in Heaven has revealed this to you. And upon this rock – spiritual revelation of what the Word is – I'll build My Church; and the gates of hell will never shake It down." [9]

When you really realize that God has revealed to you the Truth of the thing, there's nothing in the world is going to defeat you in it. That's all. You're absolutely undefeatable; not you, but God that's in you (*I John 5:4*). Not Christ, not the body, but This, the Word that was in Him. [10]

Now when it's revealed to you, that you yourself have received God's promise; the inspiration, you being Christians, it struck you, you don't even need a prayer line. The only thing you need is an open heart when all the mechanics are ready, and let the inspiration drop in, and then nothing can change your mind; you've got it. Outside of that, it won't do no good.

Now, that's the way every believer, no matter how bad the cancer's got you, how long you been setting in a wheelchair, any of those things, just if you can grasp that revelation from God! Then be satisfied, knowing that it's going to happen, because faith waits patiently for the promise.

The revelation come through the Blood, see, through Jesus Christ, Who is the Blood of God (John 1:1-3,14), creative Blood in the womb of Mary. And Paul knew Him by revelation (Eph. 3:1-12; Gal. 1:11-24). That's how we know Him today, is the only way you could know Him. Not say, "I'm Methodist." That means nothing. "I'm Baptist." That means nothing. "I'm Catholic." That means nothing. But by the revelation, that God has revealed the Word to you! He is the Word. And the Word, how you know It's revealed, It lives Itself and expresses Hisself through you. Oh!

The Church is the Blood of Christ, by the Spirit, because the Life is in the Blood. That's the baptism of the Holy Ghost that baptizes us into His Body (Eph. 4:4-6), that recognizes only His Body, His flesh, His Word.

Denomination won't, never touch that. It's a revelation. She knows it. So did Eve know it, but she fell; but this one knows it, and won't fall. She is ordained! Hallelujah! She is ordained to not fall. She won't fail. She is predestinated to it. "Blessed is the man who God will not impute sin" (Psalm 32:1-2). [1]

And a Christian always was! That's the reason you're divorced, because you were trapped into it, see, by your first parent, Adam and Eve. You become a sinner by nature. You didn't want to be, but now you heard the Gospel, and "faith cometh by hearing," revelation comes by hearing (Rom. 10:17). There is a little something inside of you. [12]

But, you know, He doesn't always come the way we think He comes. See? He comes so humble. The people has got it all fixed up the way they want Him to come. And we walk over humility, and there is where you find God (James 4:6-10). Scientists today can send a man into space, in an orbit, and walk over a blade of grass that he knows nothing about. Oh, you got to humble yourself, to know God. You've got to get rid of your own ideas, and just open up your heart and life to Him, then He will make Hisself known. [13]

You remember, it was Zechariah (*Luke 1:5-38*), in his house, that he'd been loyal and true, waiting for God to give them a child, and the **Angel**, Gabriel, come to the house. It was virgin Mary who'd lived clean and pure, and waiting for a promise of God, that He sent an **Angel** to.

Talk about running around with the world and flirt with the world, and then expect to see Angels and have miracles done, it's out of God's program. You must live right. Clean up the house; clean up your habits; clean up the things of the world; get rid of your cards and your worldly association; get ready, and then the Angel of God can speak and say, "Fear not, it's I." Then things take place. [14]

Today men walk ignorantly. They don't know that's the Truth. They think it's some kind of an ism. **They don't dig down deep enough to get into the Spirit of revelation. They don't pray enough.** They don't call upon God enough. They just lightly take It, "Oh, well, I believe there's a God. Sure!" The devil believes the same thing. The devil believes it more than some people claim to believe it. The devil believes it and trembles. People just believe it and go on. **But the devil trembles** (James 2:17-20), knowing his Judgment is coming, and people believe it and don't pay no attention the Judgment is coming. [15]

But if something can tear away them weeds, if God by His grace; not the preacher, not nobody else. But God can place into your heart a revelation,

that, "I'm going to be well," there isn't nothing going to keep you setting there. There's nothing can hold you there, you're going to be well! But until that does happen, you're going to set right where the doctor says you're going to set; until that happens. It has to be revealed. It's the grace of God that reveals it (I Peter 1:13). [12]

Now here, when I go overseas, my wife will write me a letter, and she'll say, "Dear Billy, I just put the children to bed..." Now, I can read what she says there. Yeah, anybody could read that. But you know, I love her so much, I can read between the lines. I know what she's saying in between the lines. Well, that's the way God does His Bible.

Now, the students can argue the Greek words, but the believer reads between the lines. Amen. It's revealed by the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah. God writing His letter to His children, reading between the lines... [16]

Now, that's the way it is with God. Not because you know so much, but because you love Him (John 14:21), and He loves you, set down and read His love Letter. And He will just speak to you right between the letters. The real context is in the text, and the context is revealed by the Holy Ghost. Think of it, brother, how that is. That's right. See? It's a love Letter, a love affair between you and your Maker. And He will reveal it to you as you have need of. [17]

Look! What was once God's great secret, great mysterious secret in His mind, is now put in the hearts of the believer, that is, the Body of Christ. What was God's once great secret in His mind, before the foundation of the world, is now made manifest. Think of it! See? Oh, my!

I'm sure we don't, we don't get it. Well, I can't see it the way I ought to, and I'm sure you don't.

But God's great mystery, what the Eternal God had as a mystery, has now been unfolded in Jesus Christ, then given right down to His Church (Col. 1:26-29). What was once in God's mind is now in the Body of Christ. Jesus making love to the Church, His Bride, whispering secrets to Her.

You know how you tell your wife things, you know, the little girl you're going to marry. You love her so much, you just tell her the secrets, and get her up next to you, and love you and everything. You know how it is.

That's what God, Christ, is doing to the Church. See? **He is letting Her know the secrets, just the secrets.** Not these flirters; I mean His Wife. See? [1]

He anoints His servants with His Spirit; He sends them angels. People make fun of that sometime, angels. Let's turn over here to Hebrews 1:14: "Are not all these ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

These are "ministering spirits," sent from the Presence of God, to be ministers, to minister His Word; not some theology, but God's Word. Ministering spirits! Oh! And, remember, if it ministers something besides the

Word, it didn't come from God. Cause, "Thy Word is always confirmed in Heaven." (Psalm 119:89). Always, in Heaven, the Word, God watches over It. And He'll never send a spirit to minister something besides the Word.

The Angel of the Lord, even His picture hanging here on the wall, has got science stumped, everywhere. What does He do? Stay right with the Word. Amen! It cuts every devil. Yes, It does. What is It? "The ministering spirits, sent from the Presence of God," to anoint the speakers of the Word, that stays with the Word. And He confirms the Word with signs following (Mark 16:17-18), brings Jesus the same yesterday, today, and forever. There He is. [18]

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree Of Life, Which is in the midst of the paradise of God." (Rev. 2:7).

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." It may be that millions will hear these words or read them. But how many will pay heed to them? That we do not know. But he who will lend his ear and want to know the words of truth will find the Spirit of God enlightening him (Eph. 1:13-14). If your ear is open to the Word, the Spirit of God will make the Word real to you. Now that is a work of the Spirit. I can teach you the truth, but if you don't open your ear to hear it and your heart to receive it, you won't get the revelation (Eph. 1:15-19). [19]

But when you get the revelation, you'll seek for it, you'll open up. And God will come in and sup with you, and you with Him, when you're ready to open the door and let Him in (Rev. 3:20-21). When It's revealed to you, then you'll go to hunting for It. [20]

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